

REACH



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HOT TIME IN THE 300 AREA: Mark Culverhouse, a Fluor Hanford hot-cell technician, works a manipulator through an oil-filled window to cut up a 17-foot-tall rack in the 324 Building B Cell. The cleanup of B Cell will eliminate a major source of employee exposure.

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Orp briefs congressional caucus

There appear to be "no show stoppers" in BNFL's bid to proceed with a contract to build a waste vitrification facility at Hanford, according to a statement by Dick French, manager of the Office of River Protection, to the House Nuclear Cleanup Caucus on March 14.

The status of the River Protection Project was presented by French, CH2M HILL Hanford Group President Fran DeLozier and BNFL Inc. General Manager Mike Lawrence. The 60-plus people in attendance at the Washington, D.C. caucus represented 17 congressional offices.

"We have high confidence we have the right technological capabilities to do the job," French said. Before work begins, however, DOE must approve BNFL Inc.'s facility designs as well as unit prices for vitrified tank waste. The waste to be vitrified is now stored in Hanford's 177 aging underground tanks.

Lawrence said BNFL Inc. will submit design plans to DOE on April 24 and expects approval to begin construction by Aug. 24. ♦

Vit plant tax exemption approved

On March 9, just hours before the regular legislative session adjourned, Washington State lawmakers approved a bill exempting Hanford's planned vitrification facilities from personal property taxes.

Failure to pass the legislation would have added as much as \$1 billion to the cost of the \$6.9 billion project, and it might have jeopardized the project's approval by the U.S. Congress. BNFL Inc., the company that will build and operate the privatized facility to treat waste for the Department of Energy's Office of River Protection, is scheduled to give its final cost figures by April 24.

The vitrification plant will convert Hanford's tank wastes into glass logs for safe, stable disposal. If the project is approved by Congress, glassification of the waste could begin in 2005, and the property-tax exemption would begin in 2006. Local taxing jurisdictions would be able to collect nearly \$50 million for 2003, 2004 and 2005 before the exemption goes into effect.

In spite of the dramatic last-minute vote in the House, the bill that earlier was approved by a 44-2 vote in the Senate received the unanimous 98-0 approval of legislators.

After the bill was delayed for weeks and was the subject of much political controversy, Tri-City lawmakers were understandably nervous. "Too many things can happen at the last minute," said Sen. Pat Hale, a Fluor Hanford executive. "You never know." ♦

Alternate line allows early pumping of U-109

CH2M HILL Hanford Group, Inc. has begun pumping an estimated 118,000 gallons of radioactive liquid from Tank U-109. Pumping began March 11, three weeks ahead of schedule.

Considering that the 26-year-old underground piping that leads to Tank U-109 failed earlier this year, it was a significant achievement for CH2M HILL to beat an April 1 program milestone. An alternate transfer line was designed, installed and tested in just six weeks to begin the interim stabilization of Tank U-109.

"Our people were committed to getting this line in," said Terry Hissong, CH2M HILL interim

stabilization manager. "To do it in a month and a half is extraordinary."

The alternate line was needed after a pipe failed in January during a routine test to determine whether it was suitable for carrying high-level waste from the single-shell tank to a safer double-shell tank.

Waste from Tank U-109 is being transferred now to a double-shell tank through a new double-encased, over-ground pipeline. "There's less chance of failure with the new line," said Hissong, "and this was the most cost-effective, efficient way to do it."

Four tanks in U Farm, including U-109, currently are being pumped. Four others are being prepared for pumping. Tank U-106 is the next one in the U Tank Farm that is scheduled for pumping, planned to begin in December. ♦



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Reminder: Route 4 South detour begins Thursday

After the peak commuting time on Thursday evening, March 30, the Route 4 South detour will go into effect (*Hanford Reach*, March 13).

For a period of about six weeks, Hanford commuters will be required to turn onto Route 2 South at the Wye Barricade and proceed on 2 South and 11A to reach destinations in the 200 Area. Route 4 South will be closed to all traffic from the Wye Barricade to Baltimore Avenue while roadway construction is taking place in the vicinity of Canton Avenue.

Commuters on eight-nines work schedules will probably encounter the detour for the first time next Monday morning. Remember to allow more time to get to work via the detour, which will add about 8 miles and some increased traffic congestion for 200 Area commuters. Another alternate route for drivers going to 200 West is State Route 240. Commuters using SR 240 may encounter a few days of road work if the state sticks with its schedule for patching that highway.

An additional guard station and access ramp will be activated at the Wye Barricade to facilitate badge checks and direct the flow of traffic.

Be prepared for changes in the way traffic flows at the Wye Barricade (see map). For instance:

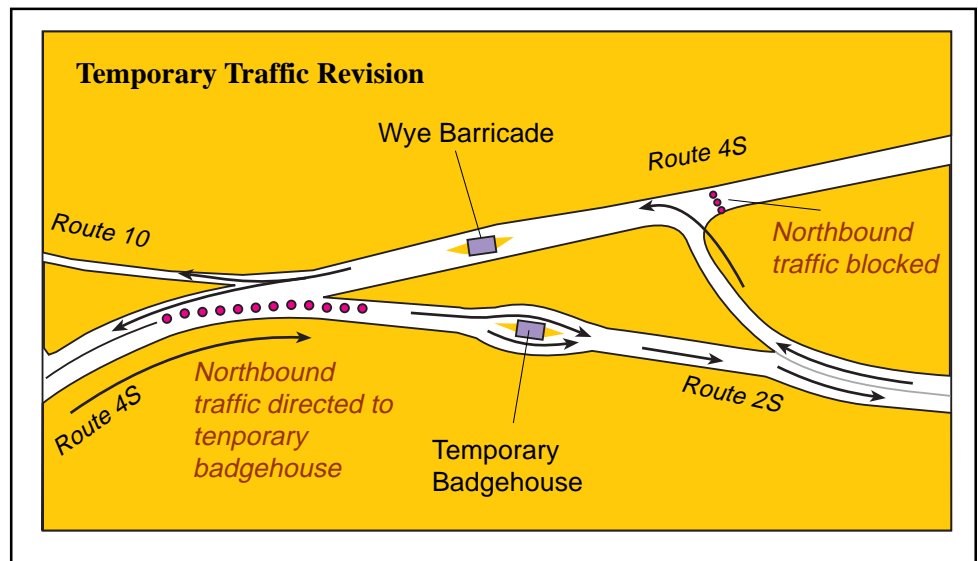
- As you approach the Wye intersection, traffic will merge *right* rather than *left* as it presently does.
- Rather than funneling two lanes of traffic between guard posts for badge checks, as is presently done, traffic will divide into two single lanes — one to the *right*, the other to the *left* of the temporary guard station — then remain two lanes as it flows into Route 2 South.
- Traffic coming south from the 100N Area will have to merge with a larger volume of east-bound traffic on Route 11A, particularly at shift-change time. Please keep this in mind, and try to bear to the left in this area so that 100 Area traffic can safely merge with outbound traffic.

The temporary closure is intended to eliminate as many delays as possible. It's also the best way to safeguard both the construction workers and commuters. You can help by carpooling if possible to help ease the congestion at the barricade and on the detour route.

And please be patient. ♦



For the next six weeks, newly painted lines will redirect traffic at this temporary Wye Barricade.



Madia named Laboratory Director of the Year

William Madia, former director of the Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, has been named 1999 Laboratory Director of the Year by the Federal Laboratory Consortium. The award recognizes Madia's leadership in technology transfer during his tenure at PNNL from August 1994 to November 1999.

Each year, the FLC's National Advisory Council honors one or more laboratory directors who have promoted the transfer of technology from the federal laboratory system to industry. There are more than 700 member laboratories. This year, Madia shares the honor with three colleagues who represent DOE, National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Department of Agriculture facilities.

Starting April 1, Madia will serve as director of DOE's Oak Ridge National Laboratory, which will be managed by Battelle and the University of Tennessee.

While at PNNL, Madia established valuable ties with industry and launched the laboratory's Economic Development Office, a central resource for technology transfer programs. These programs proved crucial to building new industrial partnerships and creating local jobs and businesses during a time of downsizing at PNNL and the nearby Hanford Site.

"We were very impressed by his leadership and interest in getting involved with private industry, economic development of the region and overall commitment to technology transfer," said Jagdish Mathur, chairman of the FLC National Advisory Council. "Dr. Madia's efforts and contributions are exemplary and we are proud to recognize him."

Technology transfer successes at PNNL can be traced to economic development programs created under Madia's leadership. These economic development efforts resulted in the creation of 42 local businesses in 40 months, including a spin-off company that has commercialized a conversion technology for treating solid wastes. Another success story is a new company created to sell pre-paid phone cards and other telecommunications services to the growing Hispanic community.

Programs launched under Madia's tenure also allow staff members to pursue entrepreneurial interests while maintaining employee benefits such as insurance coverage; provide technical assistance to help companies relocate to the area; and offer facilities with state-of-the art laboratories, equipment and space that new businesses need to access but often cannot afford.

Outside the laboratory, Madia served as a member of several state and regional industrial development organizations.

An awards ceremony will be held May 10 at the FLC's annual meeting in Charleston, S.C. The FLC (<http://www.federallabs.org>) was established in 1974 to facilitate the transfer of federally developed technologies to the U.S. marketplace. ♦



Madia

DOE labor-management agreement ratified

After almost two years of negotiations, Local 181 of the National Federation of Federal Employees has ratified a collective bargaining agreement for unionized federal employees of the Department of Energy's Richland Operations Office and the Office of River Protection.

The agreement will become effective after final approval has been received from the Secretary of Energy or within 30 days, whichever comes first. Once approved, the document will be available on the Web site of DOE-RL's Human Resource Management Services.

The union workers and the management of ORP and DOE-RL have also agreed to a preliminary "Labor-Management Partnership Agreement," also to be posted on the Web site. According to DOE chief negotiator Joyce Gilbert and union chief negotiator Guy Schein, the agreement was developed to facilitate the involvement of employees in a variety of management decisions.

Also representing the DOE team in the negotiations were Joe Wiley, Stan Branch and Tammy Szelmeczka. Others on the NFFE negotiating team were John Sellards, Allen Hanley and Patty Ensign. ♦



Harry Boston, DOE Richland's deputy manager for Site Transition, leans over the conference table to sign a new labor agreement just ratified by the federal employees' union as Bob Rosselli (left), deputy manager for Business Services, looks on. To Boston's left are Joyce Gilbert, Joe Wiley, Guy Schein, Patty Ensign and John Sellards.

Fluor Hanford HR goes 'self-serve'

Fluor Hanford Human Resources now has an employee self-service Intranet Web site where employees of the Fluor Hanford project team, major subcontractors and CH2M HILL Hanford Group can view and update their personal information in the Human Resources database.

You are now responsible for updating your own home address, work address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, paycheck location and dependent information. The PeopleCORE data entry contacts will no longer update personal employee information.

Making the appropriate updates to your dependent information is important because it is used by insurance carriers to identify who is eligible for medical and dental insurance.

You will need a Hanford ID and HLAN logon password to access this self-service application. If you do not have an HLAN password, you may request one through CTS Support. E-mail *CTS Support or call 376-1234. ♦

To view and update your personal information:

- **Log onto the Fluor Hanford team's Human Resources home page or just go to <http://www.rl.gov/hr/hrhome.htm> and choose "Update My Personal Data." Select "Access Personal Data" on the next panel.**
- **When prompted for your user name and password, type in your Hanford ID and HLAN password.**
- **Take the time to review all your information and make sure it's correct. If anything is incorrect, type the correct information in the appropriate boxes and click on "Save."**
- **You must log out of the application to prevent others from having access to your information. Do this by closing your Internet browser.**

Check-location questions can be e-mailed to *Payroll Questions-PHMC. If you have any questions or concerns about updating any of your other personal information, e-mail ^HRIS Records and a representative will contact you. If you do not have access to a computer, updates to your personal record can be mailed to HRIS Records at H2-14

Department of Energy honors 'Women of Achievement'

Anna Beard-Taylor and June Ollero have been named "Woman of Achievement" for the year 2000 by the Department of Energy's Richland Operations Office and Office of River Protection. The awards were presented by DOE-RL Manager Keith Klein at a ceremony March 21 at the Federal Building as part of National Women's History Month.

Beard-Taylor is a mechanical engineer in the DOE-RL Office of Site Services. She has worked for DOE at Hanford since 1987 in programs involving reactor fuel manufacturing, reactor operations, spent fuel handling, effluent treatment, and waste minimization and pollution prevention.

Under Beard-Taylor's leadership, the waste minimization and pollution prevention program saved more than \$50 million in fiscal year 1999, leading to the DOE "National Award" and the White House "Closing the Circle Award" — two very prestigious awards for pollution prevention. She is a four-time DOE "Woman of Achievement" Award nominee.

Ollero began her professional career at Boeing in Seattle after graduating from the University of Washington in 1975 with a degree in accounting. She then worked for the Atomic Energy Commission in Richland, in finance and accounting. As chief of DOE-RL's Management Evaluation Branch, she promoted economic development activities and worked with community leaders to obtain funding and new missions for Hanford.

It was largely due to Ollero's dedication that the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center became a reality, and she spearheaded the development of the PeopleSoft program which has also been adopted by DOE Headquarters. Today she serves as director of the DOE-RL Office of Training Services and Asset Reutilization. Her organization is responsible for pursuit of Hanford's third "outcome" — putting DOE assets to work for the future.

Ollero is also the first Tri-Cities youth soccer coach to take a team to Europe for tournament play, and she's active in Rotary Club and on the United Way board of directors. ♦



From left, Beard-Taylor, Klein, Ollero

Bechtel Women's Auction raises \$44,000 for kids

"What am I bid for this classic 1985 Cadillac Biarritz?" enticed the auctioneer. After a flurry of bids, the gavel sounded for a bid of \$3,750.

No, it wasn't Sotheby's in New York, but you couldn't tell from the enthusiastic bidding at this year's Bechtel Women's Group Annual Service Auction. The March 11 activity raised nearly \$44,000 to help local kids. The evening also included a raffle and silent auction.

"It was a roaring success," said Lauren Parchen of Bechtel Hanford, Inc., who chaired the fifth annual service auction. "All the credit goes to the many people and businesses who donated products and services, along with those who bid on them," she added.

Other items that caught the eyes of bidders included a New England-style dinner for 10 (\$1,700), 160 hours of labor (\$2,150), and the use of a condominium in Maui (\$2,300).

The majority of the funds will go to CHC La Clinica, which provides affordable health-care services in the Tri-Cities. CHC La Clinica serves as many as 25,000 low-income patients annually, of which half are children.

Many of the patients need to be transported to other local health-care service providers as well as to specialty medical facilities as far away as Seattle. Auction proceeds will be used to buy a replacement van so that patients — particularly the children — can continue to receive essential medical services.

Funds from the event's raffle and silent auction will benefit the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy's new program for counseling children who have family members with cancer, and to purchase fish for the Family Fishing Pond in Columbia Park.

This was the most successful of the annual auctions. The total amount raised from the five that have been held is \$144,000. Past beneficiaries include the Kadlec Medical Center Foundation, the Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery, the Family Fishing Pond, Tri-City Hospice House, Home Base II, the Benton-Franklin Children's Center, Head Start, Wishing Star, Kid's Haven and the Jubilee Youth Ranch.

The service auction is attended by Bechtel Hanford and Bechtel National employees, as well as their clients and customers. This includes CH2M HILL Hanford, Thermo Hanford, BNFL Inc. and Environmental Restoration Program employees of the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office. ♦



Enthusiastic bidders competed for some unusual items at the Bechtel Women's Group Annual Service Auction March 11. In its five-year history, the auction has raised \$144,000 for local charities, including organizations that benefit children.

WIDS process successful in tracking waste sites

Jim Golden, Fluor Hanford

Steve Weiss, Bechtel Hanford

Hanford's cleanup mission involves some well-known activities such as the movement of spent fuel away from the river, the reduction of risk in the tank farms and the decommissioning of facilities.

Not as well known are tasks involving the identification, management and cleanup of hundreds of less prominent waste sites all across Hanford. To keep track of these, the Waste Information Data System, or WIDS, pulls together a comprehensive listing of real or potential waste management units throughout the 535 square miles that are still part of the Hanford Site.

This WIDS waste site management process has found success through teamwork among the Environmental Protection Agency, the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Department of Energy's Richland Operations Office and Office of River Protection, and the DOE prime contractor group that includes Bechtel Hanford, Fluor Hanford, CH2M HILL Hanford Group and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

What is WIDS?

The WIDS database lists and describes more than 2,600 waste-management units, potential waste-management units and other related sites at Hanford. Development of this database is required by the Tri-Party



WIDS team members (left to right) Larry Hulstrom of CH2M HILL Hanford, Steve Weiss of Bechtel Hanford and Jim Golden of Fluor Hanford check out a French drain near the 3706 Building in the 300 Area. Through the WIDS program, contractors identify and determine the disposition of thousands of potential waste sites at Hanford.

Agreement and is accessible to both the regulators and the public on the Internet at <http://www.erc.rl.gov/scripts/mapobjects/Widsrpt2.asp>.

Each site identified in WIDS is assigned to a prime contractor through a “memorandum of agreement” developed by DOE. Once the preliminary WIDS site assignments are completed, notification is made by formal direction from the DOE contracting officer.

The prime contractor is directed to manage access-control requirements, record-keeping, reporting, surveillance, maintenance and disposition planning, as applicable, for the site.

Tracking a WIDS site

In WIDS, each site is tracked through its life cycle from initial discovery to final disposition. The prime contractors work together to ensure that each WIDS site has a disposition path. (All sites will eventually be reclassified when cleanup is finished.)

Part of this disposition path includes evaluating each site. For example, not all sites recorded in WIDS are waste-management units and not all waste-management units require cleanup. A team representing the involved organizations is identifying which sites do not fit the definition of a waste-management unit and which units do not require cleanup.

These sites can be reclassified to “Rejected” or “No Action,” which helps focus dollars on those sites needing further attention. Both DOE and the lead regulatory agency for that site formally agree upon the reclassification of each site. The team has already identified and reclassified hundreds of such sites across Hanford, resulting in cost savings in the millions.

Occasionally, the responsibility for a WIDS site is transferred. Some waste-management units that have been kept for possible future remedial action may be transferred between DOE programs and prime contractors as they progress through their life cycles.

For example, many will change from a “management and operations” phase to remediation. Disposition planning by the parties ensures a smooth transition of WIDS sites between the giving and receiving contractors.

Teamwork is key

The WIDS process is an example of how teamwork ensures that waste sites are managed cost-effectively and appropriately. Many individuals have worked on the reclassification process, and several have contributed a significant amount of their time and talent to making it successful.

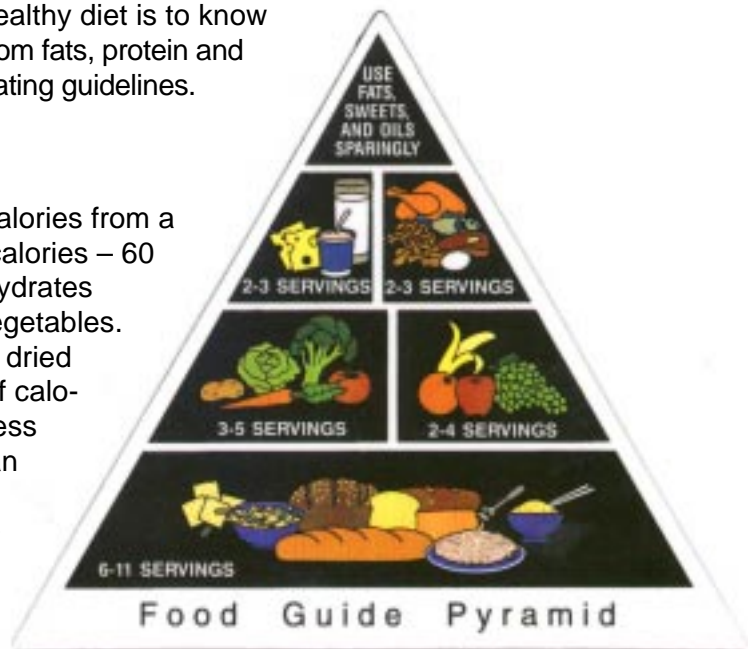
These contributors include Larry Hulstrom of CH2M HILL Hanford; Linda Dietz, Jeff Shearer and Chris Webb of Bechtel Hanford; John Bumgardner of PNNL; Rocky Hudson of CH2M HILL Hanford Group; Phil Brulotte of Fluor Hanford; and Curt Clement of DynCorp Tri-Cities Services. ♦

A balanced diet has healthy payoff

These days, it can be confusing to plan a balanced diet. For instance, how much protein should a person eat at each meal to stay healthy? The most sensible way for people to approach a healthy diet is to know how much of their daily calorie intake should come from fats, protein and complex carbohydrates, and to follow a few simple eating guidelines.

Calorie sources

Every day, a person takes in a certain number of calories from a variety of foods. For a healthy diet, most of these calories – 60 to 70 percent – should come from complex carbohydrates such as whole grains, breads, pastas, fruits and vegetables. Protein, in the form of lean meats, poultry, fish and dried peas or beans, should make up 10 to 20 percent of calories. Finally, calories from fats should be limited. Less than 20 percent is ideal, but definitely not more than 30 percent. These proportions help provide all the energy a person needs during the day, while keeping fat, sugar and protein intake within recommended guidelines.



Variety and moderation

The next step in creating a balanced diet is to plan each meal with these basic health tips in mind:

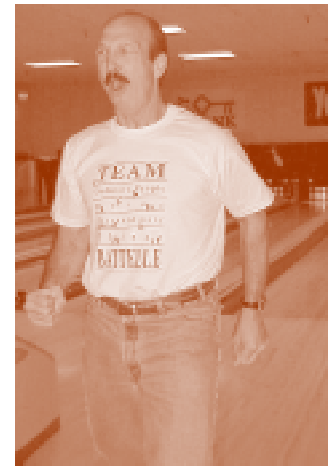
- Eat a variety of different foods including breads, fruits, vegetables, dairy products and a range of protein sources.
- Limit servings of meat, poultry and fish to three ounces after cooking.
- Avoid highly processed or refined foods whenever possible.
- Limit the intake of fats, cholesterol, salt and sugars.
- When drinking alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.

The extra attention required to maintain a balanced diet may seem a little difficult at first, but the effort will soon pay off in higher energy, lower stress and a greater resistance to disease.

Call Hanford Environmental Health Foundation's Health Education Services at 373-3729 for more information on healthy eating. ♦

A STRIKE FOR JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT:

Team Battelle bowlers cheer teammate Tom Baranouskas during a site-wide fund-raising bowling tournament March 2 in Richland to benefit Junior Achievement. In the classroom (right), Karen Davis and Ed Schwier of Fluor Hanford work with students in Mrs. Greenwell's eighth-grade class at Pasco's McLoughlin Middle School. Davis and Schwier are in the classroom once a week, teaching students about the business world and the economics of staying in school. If you would like further information about how you can support Junior Achievement, call 783-7222.



Important TIS updates

Time recording booklets distributed

New Time Recording Practices booklets were distributed to all Fluor Hanford team employees during the weeks of March 13 and 20.

Specific changes include the new requirement that all employees must record their own time in the Time Information System (TIS) except in cases requiring immediate action, such as an unplanned absence or other formal excused absence (family leave or plant injury).

If TIS is unavailable or you do not have access to TIS on any given day, then you should record your time in a manual log and transfer that time to TIS no later than the end of the work week. Your manual log must contain the same information you would enter into TIS, including the date, charge code or codes and the associated number of hours.

The Defense Contract Audit Agency conducts a periodic unannounced "floor check" audit to review our timekeeping practices. Please treat the auditors with courtesy and respect, and provide the information they request. The information they will request includes:

- A copy of your current TIS timecard or manual log
- A description of what you are working on
- A copy of your Charge Code Authorization
- An explanation of how you've charged any uncompensated overtime

TIS Tip

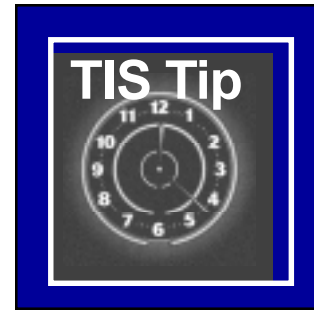


- A description of the training you have received related to labor charging.

Training includes new employee orientation, the new Time Recording Practices booklet, the labor charging procedure, discussions at staff meetings, memos from senior management, e-mail messages and *Hanford Reach* articles.

If you began charging your time to a new charge code during the Fluor Hanford team restructuring, make sure the code is included on your Charge Code Authorization. If it is not on the Charge Code Authorization, ask your supervisor to send you an e-mail message authorizing you to charge your time to that charge code.

If you did not receive a Time Recording Practices booklet, contact Sharon Smart at 373-7523. ♦



TIS upgrade scheduled March 28

The Time Information System will be unavailable on Tuesday, March 28, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. because of a scheduled upgrade of the system to Version 6.0.

The new version of TIS will automatically be loaded on your workstation when you log on Tuesday after 6:30 p.m. or on Wednesday morning. If it is not automatically loaded, it will need to be installed from Software Distribution. If there are any problems with the installation of TIS, contact Computer Technical Support (CTS) at 376-1234.

Users will see only the following changes in the upgraded version of TIS:

- For employees who must enter time in and time out, the system will now require a full four-digit time. For example, if your time in is 6:30 a.m., you will be required to input 06:30 a.m. The system will no longer default the zero before the 6:30 to make it a four-digit time.
- The initial calendar selection box (Open Timecard for Specified Date) will now have an additional function next to the date to go forward one increment (month, day or year, depending on where your cursor is resting when you hit the up or down arrow button).
- If you select calendar from the Open Timecard for Specified Date window, the calendar will have a slightly different format layout but the functionality remains the same. ♦

Daylight saving time starts April 2

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 2. Employees on duty at the time will work one hour less than their scheduled shift.

When recording time worked, salaried non-exempt and bargaining-unit employees scheduled to work during the time change will have to use the "Deviate Shift" box located on their timecards. For example, if an employee is scheduled to work a 12-hour shift starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday and ending at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, the employee would check the "Deviate Shift" box and record 11 hours regular work (RW) for Saturday, April 1. Exempt employees will record their entire shift as RW.

For more information, contact Todd Beyers at 376-2815. ♦



LETTERS

Employees are invited to write letters of general interest on work-related topics. Anonymous letters will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters or not to accept letters for publication. Send your letters to the *Reach*, B3-30, or to *Hanford Reach on e-mail. Letters are limited to 300 words, and must include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

Accuracy appreciated

I work with correspondence and records and would like the people who generate these items to know how important it is to double-check the spelling of a name or a person's mail stop identification number (MSIN).

The correct spelling of a name (including the middle initial) will help us know which person to send an item to electronically (e.g., John D. Smith or John R. Smith).

It only takes a few minutes to verify a MSIN. A correct MSIN will keep an item from being delayed.

Sometimes it can be very difficult to decipher a handwritten signature. Printing a name would also make a big difference in the fast and accurate retrieval of records.

Denise Campos
Bechtel Hanford

Safety headfirst

Most will probably scoff at this observation, but, I couldn't help notice only one of the two competitors in your cover page picture, "Pedaling for the March of Dimes" (*Hanford Reach*, March 20) was wearing what appeared to be some kind of protective headgear. With Mr. Forrester's "unique" riding technique, I could visualize a "head first" onto the pavement. Major safety concern? Probably not, but something to think about.

At any rate, we all appreciate the employee involvement in the March of Dimes activities.

Ed Keeney
Fluor Hanford



CALENDAR

Society for Technical Communication meets March 29

The Society for Technical Communication will meet March 29 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Snoqualmie Conference Room at EESB. The group will honor the STC Snake River Chapter competition award winners and review each other's documents. For more information contact Tricia Divine Wilder at tdwilder@keyww.com or Nancy Foote at 375-6403.

Organizational performance topic of AQP meeting

Jim Ayers and Bob Harrison will present "Setting up a 'Global Positioning System' for Organizational Performance" at the April 11 dinner meeting of the local chapter of the Association for Quality and Participation. The meeting will be held at the Shilo Inn in Richland. Networking begins at 5 p.m., buffet dinner at 6 and the presentation at 7. The cost is \$16 for AQP members, \$19 for non-members or \$5 for the presentation only. Make your reservation by April 6. Call 375-4773 or send an e-mail message to cburr@3-cities.com. For more information about the topic and the speakers, visit the chapter's Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>.

Hot Hoops to benefit SARC

The seventh annual Hot Hoops 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held June 10 and 11 in Richland. All proceeds from this fund-raiser will benefit both the education and crisis programs at the Sexual Assault Response Center. The deadline for signing up to participate is May 20. To sign up to play or volunteer to help, call SARC at 946-2377.

Applications accepted for NMA youth awards

The Hanford National Management Association Chapter 395 is accepting applications for the following awards now through April 14: Young Man Entrepreneur of the Year, Young Woman Entrepreneur of the Year and the Washington State University Tri-Cities Student Community Volunteers of the Year.

Applications are available from Terry Winward at 373-4002 or 735-6773. You can also download the application from the NMA Web page at <http://nma1.org/chapters/395> under the Youth Awards heading.

April 14 is the deadline for completed applications, whether they are electronically submitted or mailed. Mail the completed applications to Terry Winward, National Management Association, Hanford Chapter

No. 395, 3110 W. Metaline, Kennewick, WA 99336.

For the two **Entrepreneur of the Year awards**, high school seniors who excel in community, school and church entrepreneurial development will be honored. Winners will each receive a plaque and a \$200 savings bond. Anyone can nominate a high school senior for the award. Applications are also available from local high schools.

For the two **WSU Tri-Cities Student Community Volunteer of the Year awards**, students who excel in community, school and church service will be honored. Winners will each receive a plaque and a \$200 Savings Bond. Anyone can nominate a student who attends WSU Tri-Cities half time through full time for this award. Applications for this award are also available from WSU.

CONSYS 2000 trade show coming in April

CONSYS 2000, a tabletop trade show focusing primarily on instrumentation and controls, will take place April 19 at the Best Western Tower Inn in Richland. The International Society for Measurement and Control presents the biennial trade show. The trade show is open to the public. The trade show will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and technical presentations are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be door prizes and lunch is free for attendees. Contact Josh Hayden at 372-1395 or send e-mail to Joshua_A_Hayden @rl.gov.

Meeting for Expo 2000 exhibitors and demonstrators

A kick-off meeting for all registered Expo 2000 exhibitors or demonstrators is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Federal Building Auditorium. At this meeting you will find out the location that your exhibit has been assigned at the Trade Recreation and Agriculture Center (TRAC) in Pasco, and you will be able to ask any questions regarding this year's event.

Expo 2000 will be held May 2-4, at the TRAC. On "Family Day," May 2, Expo will be open from noon to 8 p.m. On May 3, the hours will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. On May 4, the hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you have an on-site exhibit or demonstration with government property to be moved to TRAC, please contact Ron Oak at 376-0285 as soon as possible to arrange for transportation. You are responsible for tagging your property for both the delivery and the return trip.

If you would like a presentation about Expo 2000 at your staff or safety meeting, please contact Cliff Ledford at 373-5214. For more information about Expo 2000, visit the Web site at <http://www.hanford.gov/safety/expo>.

Manager of the Year nominations accepted now

Nominations for the Manager of the Year award are being accepted by the Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association through April 27. All Hanford leaders and managers are eligible for the award. The award gives individuals the opportunity to recognize their manager or team leader for significant contributions to business and the community. Nomination forms are available on the NMA Hanford Chapter Web page, <http://www.nma1.org/chapters/395/> or by contacting Calvin Dudney at 373-6267.

Criticality safety expert to discuss Tokaimura accident

Dr. Thomas P. McLaughlin, recognized as one of the world's leading experts in the field of criticality safety, will present a seminar on the history of criticality accidents, April 5, 1-4 p.m. in the Federal Building Auditorium. McLaughlin was part of a three-man team sent to Japan to investigate the Tokaimura criticality accident last fall. His presentation will include a discussion of the team's findings. All employees are welcome to attend. ♦



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April 3

300 Area

along fence east of Wisconsin
12 noon to 4 p.m.

April 4

200 East Area

northeast gravel parking lot of 2101-M
7 a.m. to 12 noon

200 West Area

parking lot east of MO-281
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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or call 376-1820.



WSU's University Center for Professional Education is offering:

- **HTML and Web Page Design I** — April 10; 8 a.m. -4 p.m. Cost: \$89.
- **AutoCAD 2000 Upgrade** — April 12-13; 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Cost: \$445.
- **Dealing with Anger in the Workplace Through Emotional Intelligence** – April 11; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost: \$129.

All programs are held at the WSU campus, Richland. For more information or to register, call 372-7200 or send an e-mail message to ucpe@tricity.wsu.edu. Visit the Web site at www.ProEd.wsu.edu for additional offerings.

Columbia Basin College Small Business Development Center offers:

- **Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement** – Tuesdays, March 28, April 4, 11 and 18; or Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 6:30-9 p.m. Cost: \$69 for single or couple (\$79 at the door). Instructors: Leonard Rickey and Robert Vickers. The sessions will be held at the Energy Northwest Multipurpose Facility.
- **Making Money on the Side** – April 3 or June 5, 6-9 p.m. Cost: \$15. Instructor: Blake Escudier. The class will be held at the Energy Northwest Multipurpose Facility.
- **Small Business Planning Basics** – April 8 or May 31, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Cost: \$15. Instructor: Blake Escudier. The class will be held at the TRIDEC Conference Center.
- **Small Business Financing Resources** – April 4 and 6, 6-9 p.m. Cost: \$35. Instructor: Glynn Lamberson. The class will be held at the TRIDEC Conference Center.
- **NxLevel Entrepreneurial Training Program** – begins April 5 and ends May 25. Cost for two persons from the same organization sharing one set of materials is \$250. Five spaces are available. Register by April 1.

The TRIDEC Conference Center is located at 901 N. Colorado, Kennewick. The Energy Northwest Multipurpose Facility is located at 3000 George Washington Way, Richland. To register or obtain more information, call Ritzy or Grace at 735-6222.

City University Spring Quarter classes

Spring Quarter at City University begins on April 3.

Classes are listed below.

Undergraduate classes, cost per class \$825

- **Effective and Efficient Self Expression** – Mondays, 5:30-10:30 p.m.
- **Global Economy** – Mondays, 5:30-10:30 p.m.
- **Understand and Influence Consumer Behavior** – Wednesdays, 5:30-10:30 p.m.

Graduate classes, cost per class \$882

- **Management Information Services**, Mondays, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Principles of Finance**, Wednesdays, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

MBA 2000 cohort classes

- **Introduction to Project Management** – Saturdays, every other week beginning April 15, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Human Resource Management** – Saturdays, April 15, May 13 and June 10, 1-5 p.m.

For more information call Suzanne Lee at 943-9887 or send an e-mail message to slee@cityu.edu.

Primavera P3 Seminar

A March 30 seminar sponsored by Informatics and Washington State University will feature Dick Faris, executive vice president of Primavera, presenting P3e and other tools in the Primavera Concentric product line. Mark Tillema and Gary Troop, the presidents of Integrated Management Concepts (IMC) and C/S Solutions, will present MicroFusion Millennium and wInsight.

The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. in the Consolidated Information Center at WSU Tri-Cities. Call Angela James at 946-9900 to reserve your spot or to obtain more information.

Protrain Professional Training Systems offers

- **Customizing Excel 97 and Using Macros**, April 19
- **Database Management in Excel 97**, April 26

Each class is \$99 or any two for \$189.

- **Beginning Primavera Project Planning Version 3.0, No. 601**, March 27-29. Cost: \$995.
- **Advanced Primavera Project Planning Version 3.0** Nos. 602, 603 and 604. April 3-5. Cost: \$995 for all three or \$395 for each class if taken separately.
- **Crystal Reports 7.0 Introduction**, March 28 or April 27. Cost: \$215.
- **Crystal Reports 7.0 Advanced**, April 10 or April 28. Cost: \$215.

Call 946-1123 for more information. ♦



CHECK OUT THE UPDATED HANFORD RECREATION ASSOCIATION (HRA) DISCOUNTS — Located on Hanford Intranet Web site. Click on "Project Hanford Management Contractors," "General Information," "Hanford Information," and then "Hanford Recreation Discounts."

THE RICHLAND PLAYERS DISCOUNT TICKETS — Discounts of \$1 for individual shows and \$4 for season tickets offered to all Hanford Recreation Association cardholders. HRA cards must be presented at the box office to receive the discount.

SKI BLUEWOOD DISCOUNT TICKETS — Join your co-workers for a day on the mountain! \$24 for adult tickets, \$20 for student tickets (high school and college with an ASB card), and \$17 for child (grades 1-8) and senior (age 65 and older) tickets. Prices reflect a \$3 saving per ticket. Send checks made payable to "HERO" to Leann Messinger, T5-05.

DISCOUNTED CARMIKE MOVIE TICKETS — \$4.50 each with a limit of six per purchase. Restrictions will apply only to Sony DDS movies. A disclaimer for restricted movies will be noted in the *Tri-City Herald* Carmike announcements. Send checks made payable to "HERO" to Michelle Brown-Palmore (A7-51), Linda Sheehan (T4-40) or Nancy Zeuge (X3-56).

DISCOUNTED REGAL MOVIE TICKETS — \$4 each with a limit of six per purchase. Send checks made payable to "HERO" to Michelle Brown-Palmore (A7-51), Linda Sheehan (T4-40), or Nancy Zeuge (X3-56).

DISCOUNTED MERCY MOVIE TICKETS — \$5 each with a limit of six per purchase. Tickets will be honored at all Yakima Mercy theaters with no restrictions. Send checks made payable to "HERO" to Flu Garza, T4-01.

TRI-CITY AMERICANS HOME GAME VOUCHERS — \$10 per adult voucher. Save \$2.50 off the regular ticket price. Prepaid vouchers will be redeemed at the Tri-Cities Coliseum box office for any home game ticket. Based upon availability, tickets will be issued in the section and seats of your choice. No limit on voucher purchases. Send checks made payable to "Tri-City Americans" to Nancy Zeuge (X3-56), Marvene McChesney (T4-61) or Margaret Vasquez (G1-31).

HERO-SPONSORED EASTER EGG HUNT — April 15, 1 p.m. at Howard Amon Park in Richland (by the Fingernail). This event is free and open to HERO members' children, ages 1-9. Children must be accompanied by an adult! Send e-mail to Denise Prior with the number and ages of children attending on or before Thursday, April 13.

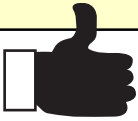
SPRING SHOPPING FLING! — May 20. \$27 pp. Destination is SouthCenter Mall in Tukwila. Fare includes round-trip motor coach, snacks and beverages. Departure at 6:30 a.m. from Federal Building parking lot with return by 10:30. Non-refundable fee is due by April 20. Send checks made payable to "HERO" to Lorrie Goodrich at L6-13. No cash.

SPIRIT OF PUGET SOUND LUNCHEON CRUISE - July 8. \$56 pp. Round-trip luxury coach to Seattle/Pier 70. Venture aboard Seattle's most entertaining harbor cruise ship for a sumptuous luncheon with a musical revue performed by the Spirit's staff while you enjoy a delightful two-hour cruise of Elliot Bay. The cruise features a close-up look at Puget Sound's rugged shoreline, the largest tugboat fleet in America, and one of the country's most colorful lighthouses. Homeward bound, we'll stop at the North Bend Factory Outlet Mall for a two-hour shopping spree. Hurry! This trip will fill fast! The non-refundable fee is due by May 15. Send e-mail to Laurie Franklin.

MILLENNIUM TRAVEL/TRIP PACKAGES:

- **Las Vegas** — June 9-12. \$418 ppdo includes round-trip air from Pasco, three nights at the Monte Carlo and airport transfers. \$100 deposit is required ASAP to guarantee reservations. Send e-mail to Leann Messinger.
- **Washington, D.C.** — Sept. 14-17. \$839 ppdo, \$819 ppto or \$989 ppso includes round-trip air from Seattle and three nights at the Hilton Alexandria, a four-star hotel located outside downtown Washington, D.C. Extended lodging rates are available at \$70 per person per night. \$150 deposit pp is required by April 7 (\$50 is non-refundable). Final payment due July 7. Send e-mail to Marvene McChesney.
- **Cabo San Lucas** — Oct. 18-25. \$809 ppdo and \$767 ppto. Price includes round-trip air from Seattle, seven nights lodging at Posada Real San Lucas, hotel taxes, round-trip transfers and a guest welcoming party. The hotel is located on the beach in San Jose del Cabo, and all rooms are air-conditioned and have an ocean view. \$100 deposit is required as soon as possible to guarantee reservations. Send e-mail to Sheila Kirk.
- **Mexican Riviera Cruise** — Nov. 19-26. Only two extra days are needed to take advantage of this great cruise! Plan to join us for Thanksgiving aboard the cruise ship "Elation" as we sail the Mexican Riviera. \$750 ppdo for Category 4, inside cabins, and \$900 ppdo for Category 6, ocean view cabins. Rates are for the cruise only. Prices include a seven-night cruise, all meals and entertainment, a welcome-aboard cocktail party and more. Port charges are \$139 pp. A \$300 pp deposit is required by June 20 to reserve the cabin category of your choice. Send e-mail to Donna Leech.

More information will appear in the *Reach* and on the Hanford Intranet Web site as details develop and additional trips are offered. ♦



Simmons honored by DynCorp



Simmons

R. J. (Rocky) Simmons has been named DynCorp Tri-Cities Services' Employee of the Month for February in recognition of his outstanding teamwork and support to 200 Area Site Fabrication Services. Simmons routinely works through complex tasks with ease. He suggests improvements, then mentors others to incorporate those improvements in order to reduce cycle times and facilitate change. Simmons recently submitted a suggestion to add specific craft designators to work packages to save time, eliminate confusion, and safely speed up the fabrication process.

Boy Scouts recognize service of two Hanford employees

Two Fluor Hanford employees were recognized with awards for their service to the Columbia River District of the Blue Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America at a banquet held March 3 at Chief Joseph Middle School in Richland.

Jan Olsen, a chemical technologist at the 222-S Lab, was named Cub Scout Leader of the Year. Olsen is upholding a family tradition of involvement with the Boy Scouts. His father worked with the organization for 30 years. Olsen was recognized for his leadership of Pack No. 179.

Mark Schorzman, an industrial hygienist for the Spent Nuclear Fuel Project, received the District Award of Merit for his service to the Boy Scouts. Schorzman has been an adult scoutmaster for 20 years, serving as scout leader, as scoutmaster and as a member of the Troop Committee. He is currently an assistant district commissioner in the Columbia River District.



Olsen, Schorzman

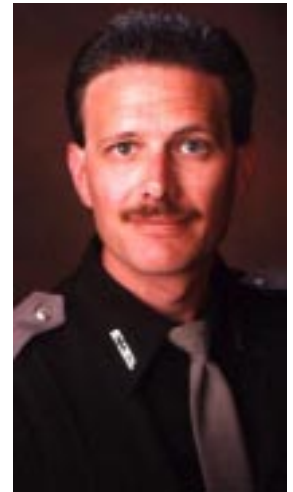
Patrolman is BCSO honoree

The Reserve Division of the Benton County Sheriff's Office has selected Hanford Patrolman and BCSO Deputy Lance Blanchard as the 1999 Reserve Deputy of the Year. The award is presented in recognition of outstanding performance in law enforcement, unselfish support to the community, and excellence of character.

This is an outstanding recognition, as Blanchard graduated from the Law Enforcement Reserve Academy in April 1999. After spending 296 hours in the academy going through classroom and field training, Blanchard accomplished an additional 311 hours of training while on Hanford Patrol duty. He ended the year with an astounding average of 50.5 training hours per month.

Blanchard has investigated felony and misdemeanor cases, supported the annual "Jail & Bail" fund-raising event, and participated in numerous prisoner transports. He enjoys working on traffic emphasis and marine patrol duty on the Sheriff's Columbia patrol boat.

Blanchard has worked for the Hanford Patrol since 1990 and currently holds the position of Security Police Officer II. ♦



Blanchard



VANPOOLS

Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be resubmitted to run in subsequent issues of the *Hanford Reach*. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.

Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring riders are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her badge, Patrol must be informed at the barricades. For more information, look on the Hanford Web in the Projects and Activities section, Safeguards and Security (PHMC) at <http://www.rl.gov:1050/sas/pg1v3htm>.

KENNEWICK

Vanpool No. 85 from Kennewick to 200E needs riders. 8x9s, first in safety, dependable and friendly. Current stops are 10th and Washington, 395 and Kennewick Ave, Federal Building, 2750, 2101-M and B Plant. Call **Eric** at 373-4497 (or at 586-2755) or **Pat** at 373-3142. 3/27

Our motto is "A little more money, a lot more room." We need riders for a vanpool on 8x9 shift. We try to keep our ridership low so we have plenty of room and a comfortable ride. The van starts at 36th and Vancouver in Kennewick, to Jean Street, down either Olympia or Vancouver to 4th, Ben Franklin lot off of Kennewick Avenue, to Hood, Canal, Edison and out to Hanford 200E area. If you're interested, give **Steve Hathaway** a call at 372-0382. If you're still not sure, take a look at the gas prices next time you fuel up! 3/27

Starting new vanpool from Kennewick Fred Meyer and Albertson's to 200W. Stops at 222-S Lab and PFP. Plan to start on April 3 or as soon as possible. Contact **Fred Smithson** at 372-3306 or 582-9683 or smithson@gte.net. 3/20

PASCO

New vanpool forming. 8x9s to start at TRAC or the Uptown Shopping Center in Richland. Stops in Richland on Jadwin or George Washington Way. The only Hanford stop will be 222-S. Contact **Rick Matthews** by e-mail or at 373-2468. 3/20

8x9 (7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) vanpool to 200W needs riders. Leaves Pasco Food Pavilion at 5:40 a.m. with stops at Richland Food Pavilion and Van Giesen in Richland. Contact **Robert Spears** at 372-0984 or **Phil Repp** at 373-2471 or 85-5354. 3/20

RICHLAND

New vanpool forming. Horn Rapids area in Richland to 200E and 2704-HV. Contact **Dave Steffen** at 372-2427 or send an e-mail message. 3/20

Vanpool originates at Albertson's on Gage (near Meadow Springs) goes through Hills West, stops at Bookwalter's Park 'n Ride, travels to 200E, stops at 2750-E and

surrounding buildings, then MO-286 area and 2704-HV. Standard 8x9 schedule. Call **Brenda** at 373-9370. 3/20

WEST RICHLAND

8x9s Vanpool No. 80 from West Richland to 200E needs a rider and an assistant driver. Starts from Lattin Road, picks up in Hayden Village and Bird Hill. Stops at 2750-E, MO-276, 2101-M, MO-724 and 2704-HV. Call **Geri Kopp** at 376-7775 for more information. 3/20 ♦



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